

# CALMAR CITY COUNCIL

**April 7, 2014**

Prior to the meeting Richard Kittelson from Resource Conservation & Development for Northeast Iowa spoke and gave a slide presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer. The presentation included the life cycle of the Emerald Ash Borer, symptoms of the Emerald Ash Borer and possible ways to save our trees from the Emerald Ash Borer. Richard had done a tree inventory for the City of Calmar in 2010 and there are 60 public ash trees in Calmar. He stated most of these trees were in good condition and could be saved. No treatment is recommended until the insect is discovered within a 15 mile radius of Calmar. After it is found then the tree can be injected with a chemical that is proven over 99% effective to prevent against the EAB. This method would require treatment every two years. He encouraged the city to determine which trees, if any they would like to save from the EAB so as not to delay when the insect arrives in the area and the trees need to be treated. He also stated that spraying and soil drenching are methods also used to fight the EAB but have not proven to be as effective as the injection method.

Mayor Frana called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:10 P.M. on Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Kleve, Schissel, Sabelka, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Schissel, second by Sabelka to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of March 3, 2014, clerk/treasurer reports and claims for March 2014). Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Schissel. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT					
Vendor	Reference	Amount			
Ahmed Alkhalili	internet, ipad etc	342.50	Linda Crossland	reimburse	140.22
Alliant	electricity	7378.16	Malcolm Enterprises	garbage service	6132.08
Aramark	uniform	123.52	Marv Smith	supplies	66.30
Barnes & Noble	books	95.10	Matt Parrott	check blanks	194.70
Black Hills	gas	2978.15	Micromarketing	books	77.97
Book Look	BOOKS	223.78	Mid American Publishing	publishing	233.05
Calmar Motors	service, parts	96.98	Midwest Geographical	mapping	192.50
Center Point Lg. Pnt	lp books	41.94	Napa	supplies	404.55
Centurylink	phone	357.91	New Hampton Red Powe	parts	368.19
Culligan	seas service fd	38.00	Postmaster	mail water bills	154.71
Data Tech	reg. meeting	95.00	Rite Price Office Supply	copier contract	30.00
Decorah Elec	sewer plant	7528.50	Sam's Club	dues	45.00
Delta Dental	insurance	148.00	Sim's TV	phone/supplies	1020.91
Don's Trucking	motor sweeper	736.01	Sunset Law Enforc	ammo	135.49
Farmers Union	fuel	468.37	Treas State IA	taxes	708.00
HD Supply	hose nozzle nicc	115.60	Upper Explorerland	CI plan	1500.00
Heying Lbr	supplies	12.34	US Cellular	phone bill	411.06
IAMU	dues	474.77	Utility Equip	repair clamp	458.32
IAMU	registrations	80.00	Walmart	supplies	209.11
ICAP	ins. Renewal	3762.26	Wellmark	premium	3300.85
Ingram	books	194.84	Wiltgen Const	move snow, sand	290.14
IRS	taxes	4462.68	Payroll	March	13406.22
IA. Dept. Revenue	water taxes	3061.00	Totals		68293.66
Iowa Police Officers Assn	reg Lance	75.00	Expense by fund		
Iowa Workforce	unempl	57.32	General		34239.80
Ipers	ipers	2868.41	Road Use		4213.11
Iroc Web	services	720.00	Benefits		2612.45
JD Financial	supplies	420.48	Water		11576.60
Kwik Star	fuel	1827.62	Sewer		15651.70
Lance Peters	reimburse gas	30.05	Totals		68293.66
			Revenue by fund		
			General		17167.15

Road Use	9176.32	Sewer	21885.49
Benefits	4524.99	Totals	72940.28
Emergency	334.22		
Lost	7607.53		
Water	12244.58		

Motion by Kleve, second by Schissel to set the date for a public hearing regarding adoption of Calmar's Capital Improvement plan for May 5, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Sabelka, Schissel and Kleve. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Chad Schissel presented the Fire Department report for the month. They had 2 fire calls and one medical assist call. Held their meeting and training nights. They held their Texas Hold-Em tournament and will have their annual fundraising dance in conjunction with Trail Days in June.

Officer Lance Peters presented the police department report. He reported a busy month with several arrests, two accidents, and dog complaints. Lance reported he will be attending training this week and they plan to attend other training classes to stay current with changing state laws. Lance reported that new tires were installed and the wheels aligned on the Charger.

The street department report was discussed. Junior reported he is waiting for a part for the sweeper and as soon as it comes he will be sweeping streets. The pool renovations were discussed briefly and also the possible renovations and upgrade to the city shop. The shop estimate is approximately \$ 45,500. This will be done in stages as fund permit. Matt obtained an estimate for a furnace and air conditioning of the depot building was \$ 10,426 for furnace/ducting and installation and an additional \$ 3,701 for the air conditioning. Mary Welch stated that they, Tom & Mary Welch, operators of the Whistlestop Antiques would be willing to provide part of the cost. They will get back to the city with an amount they would be willing to provide. After this amount is received the city council will review to see if funding is available for the balance.

Matt Bullerman presented the water/wastewater report. He stated he had received an estimate to slip line the defective sewer line in the amount of \$ 17,000.00. A permit from the DNR will be needed. Council agreed to have the city engineer apply for the needed permit and to proceed with the project to determine if this will be an effective way to correct the problem. Matt also stated that residents NO LONGER need to run their water as there is no longer a threat of freezing water lines. Notice will be posted on Facebook and other city locations.

Mayor Frana brought up the issue in the personnel policy manual regarding residency requirements. The manual will be updated at the May meeting to the 30 minute response time requirement rather than a residency requirement. Employees will still be encouraged to live in Calmar but it will not be a requirement.

Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to adjourn. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. All ayes. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Keith Frana, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk